



The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30 AM on Thursday, July 16, 2009 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nora Dooley, Mark Engel, Sandi Goslee, Mark Jasmin, Jim Judisch, Stephan Lewis, Lindsey Meek, Roger Nelson, Dave Petersen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dick Abraham, Gail Eadie, Terry Spaeth, Zach Thaler, Jesse Wallace, Pauline Walle, Jean Weathers-Lowin

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Meyer

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 11:35.

Mr. Lewis summarized how the City Planning and Zoning Commission responded to CUDE's comments on the Furlow Apartments project. He stated that everyone was receptive to our suggestions; the developer was planning for bike storage but hadn't shown it on the proposal. The CPZC approved all but the parking variance request, which will go back for review.

A quorum was reached at 11:40. Ms. Dooley motion/Mr. Nelson second to approve the June minutes. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Subcommittees

Mr. Engel suggested we focus on things like downtown plans, University of Minnesota-Rochester, and complete streets. The question was also raised regarding whether we need to change our bylaws to require one additional meeting per month as part of being on CUDE.

After much discussion and amendment, Mr. Nelson made a motion to amend the bylaws to commit to an additional subcommittee meeting per month. The subcommittees would be:

- Natural Systems
- Built Systems
- Awards

Ms. Dooley seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to the list of subcommittees:

- Natural Systems
- City Visioning (i.e. policy regarding things such as transportation and land use)
- Design Review
- Awards

Mr. Nelson agreed to amend his motion; the vote was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Dooley then suggested we lean on the Council Members to appoint a representative to CUDE, a function that Marcia Marcoux had carried out. Ms. Goslee will contact them.

Discussion ensued regarding connections with the newly appointed Energy Commission. The group agreed that we should periodically invite a representative from that group to share what they're working on with CUDE. Mr. Lewis volunteered to attend the Energy Commission meetings as well.

Ms. Meek made a motion to have all CUDE members send Ms. Goslee a ranked list of subcommittees they'd be willing to serve on and a list of all relevant affiliations they have in order to identify contacts with various interest groups. Mr. Jasmin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Other

Ms. Dooley summarized the issue of the leaking Quarry Hill Pond. A \$10,000 grant has been secured for repair, but if anyone knows of any other pots of money, please let her know. Ms. Dooley will set up a speaker on this for next month.

Adjourn – 1:00. Next meeting will be at 11:30 on August 20th in Room 320 City Hall.